

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reviewing our file, we note that the last correspondence received from your office is a Decision on Petition mailed December 12, 2000. Applicant respectfully requests a status update with regard to the above-identified application at your earliest convenience. Please note that this is the second request for status of application we have filed. A first status request was received by the Patent Office on February 13, 2002, as evidenced by the postcard receipt, a copy of which is attached hereto as *Appendix A*. Please also note that on September 14, 2004, we provided Mr. Carl Jennison a Power of Inspection to request an official search in this matter. Mr. Jennison has

Power of Inspection to request an official search in this matter. Mr. Jennison has requested such a search with the Patent Office, and the search results indicate that the first status request was lost.

Respectfully submitted,

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